

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robert Barra, et al.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING SPECIALIZING A SERVICE TO TRANSFER MESSAGES OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

Examiner: Backer, Firmin

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

This is in response to Office Action mailed on October 20, 2006 rejecting all claims 34-45 currently of record and the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on April 27, 2007. For reasons previously discussed with the Examiner, and summarized below, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

On the basis of previous discussions with the Examiner, applicant submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on July 31, 2006. Evidently, this submission was filed on August 4, 2006 and entered. On the basis of an Amendment filed contemporaneously with the RCE the Examiner has evidently withdrawn the previous rejections but indicated, in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action that those arguments are now moot in view of new grounds for rejection set forth in paragraphs 3-16.